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81-year-old promotes fitness initiative!

RENEWED CALLS FOR ROAD SAFETY MEASURES AFTER LATEST TRAGEDY

Report by **Kenny Parker**

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a fatal accident in which a 31-year-old man died following a collision between a motorcycle and a car near to the junction of the A59 County Road and Yew Tree Road in Ormskirk.

And the tragedy has prompted renewed calls for improved safety measures along the busy stretch of road.

The incident occurred at about 5pm on Wednesday, April 18 when a Yamaha MT10 ridden by David John Stevens was involved in a collision with a Honda Civic.

Mr Stevens was thrown from his vehicle, suffering multiple serious injuries and was taken to Aintree Hospital, where he later died.

The road was closed to traffic and police remained at the scene until after 9pm.

Flowers and tributes to the victim have been left at the scene including messages from family members.

This is the latest in a number of accidents on the road, including another fatal collision at the nearby junction with Green Lane in December, and numerous crashes at the Fiveways junction.

West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, said last month that she had called on the county council as the highways authority to urgently consider installing road-calming measures, having previously refused to do so.

The council had informed the MP last summer that there had been nine recorded incidents over the previous five years.

Ms Cooper said: "This is yet another tragic accident and my thoughts and prayers are with the deceased and his family at this time.

Urgent

"On such a short strip of road along the A59 there have been a high number of accidents and collisions and this cannot continue. Lives are being lost and serious injuries being sustained.

"I repeat my plea to Lancashire County Council as the highways authority to prioritise the A59 County Road for road safety and traffic-calming measures, as they have previously indicated to me that they would be re-looking at the junction with Hayfield Road and Green Lane.

"I have written to the county council chief executive and the highways director seeking urgent assurances that there will be a rapid response to this latest accident and for the whole stretch of road and its junctions to be reviewed at the same time.

"We need swift action to ensure we don't have more accidents and fatalities on this road and that the junctions are safe."

Social media users expressing their sadness and offering condolences to the victim's family have also called for more to be done at the notorious accident spot.

One wrote: "Thoughts are with the family. Really need something in place there e.g speed camera, traffic lights, roundabout."

Another commented: "Awful news, RIP and my heartfelt condolences to his friends and family. I've lived by that road for five years now and that's the third fatal accident I can think of. Surely all the accidents there strongly indicates some action

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Relatives of tragic motorcyclist David Stevens lay tributes at the scene of the accident

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A previous flooding incident at Richmond Avenue, Burscough.

Residents group accuse councils of excluding them from meetings about flooding issues

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE secretary of a local residents' campaign group claims that both Lancashire County Council and West Lancs Borough Council are refusing to co-operate with them to resolve flooding issues.

Gavin Rattray of the Burscough Flooding Group believes they are refusing to meet or correspond with the group because of what he described as its "aggressive but fair" campaign about the "failure" of the flooding agencies.

Both authorities have refuted the claim.

Mr Rattray told the Champion: "Lancashire County Council and West Lancs Council are attempting to label Burscough Flooding Group as 'politicised' and neither will meet with us or correspond with us.

"The county council, and we believe the borough council, are also attempting to deny us access to future meetings which all the other flooding groups can attend."

Mr Rattray said that a dispute had arisen with the county council following the 2015 Boxing Day floods because it had refused to include the group's reports of the floods in its official record of the events.

He added: "In the process of gathering evidence our flooding group found that virtually all of the recent major developments in Burscough had flooding problems leading us to believe that there was a planning issue which brought us into conflict with West Lancs Council."

And while welcoming a recently announced new surface water management plan, funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) as a way forward to resolve flooding in Burscough, he said it was no good if the details were not open to scrutiny due to meetings being held in secret.

"If West Lancs Council and Lancashire County Council would confirm that Burscough Flooding Group won't ever be excluded from meetings of flood groups and the flooding management agencies then that would be very helpful.

"Alternatively, if they have rules on how our constitution should be formed in order for us to attend, then can they be made public so that the public can be reassured that the same rules apply equally to all resident groups and not just to those who have publicly criticised them."

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council stated: "As lead Local Flood Authority we are working with communities across the county, including Burscough, to gather information about flooding incidents, investigate their causes and look at options to mitigate flooding in future.

"We have recently applied for, and received, funding from Defra for a study to get a full picture of how drainage systems in Burscough interact, and consider options to mitigate flooding.

"We are happy to work with flood action groups that have been established to represent communities in line with national guidance, with appropriate governance arrangements in place.

"This is working successfully in other parts of the county with progress being made in the investigation of flooding events and the development of appropriate mitigation measures in partnership with flood actions groups, district councils, the Environment Agency and United Utilities."

And a spokesman for West Lancs Council said: "West Lancashire Borough Council is unaware of any communication to Mr Rattray from the authority suggesting that the Burscough Flooding Group is politicised or seeking to exclude him or the group from any public meetings relating to drainage matters.

"Furthermore the council is unaware of any recent communication with Mr Rattray or the Burscough Flooding Group nor any request for a meeting."

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Railway station police point was closed for two months before anyone told Merseyrail, says MP

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A RAILWAY police reporting point was closed because of damage to a ceiling but it took two months for the matter to be reported to Merseyrail, says West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper.

Ms Cooper was concerned about the closure of the Aughton Police Station at Town Green railway station following the lengthy battle that was fought to get it reopened a few years ago and sought immediate action to get the work done to restore it.

The MP says she learned that Lancashire Constabulary closed the point on becoming aware of the damage in January. However, due to apparently "blurred communication lines" the damage was not reported to Merseyrail until March - after she herself had reported it to both agencies.

Merseyrail then carried out prompt remedial works and it has now supplied Lancashire Constabulary with a direct reporting line for any future issues.

The police point at Town Green railway station

Ms Cooper said: "What a mess! Part of the ceiling falls through at Aughton Police Point and it takes two months to report this to Merseyrail. Meanwhile, Aughton residents are left without their local police point.

"I'm pleased that there is now a direct communications link between the police and Merseyrail so this shouldn't happen again, and more importantly the work has been completed and the police point is now open again.

"Residents will be delighted to hear that Merseyrail have also indicated that they are formalising a lease agreement with Lancashire Constabulary to secure the future of the police point for the foreseeable future, should the police wish to continue with a presence at Town Green."

A spokesperson for Merseyrail said: "Once Merseyrail were made aware of the issue at Aughton police point, we worked in conjunction with Network Rail to expedite repairs which have allowed the police point to be re-opened.

"Merseyrail are committed to retaining a police presence at the station in accordance with our aim to establish our stations as community hubs."

Lancashire Constabulary have been asked for a comment.

Some of the Holy Trinity pupils with their British Legion award

School's 'outstanding' efforts for Poppy Appeal recognised

YOUNGSTERS at a West Lancs school have been recognised by the Royal British Legion for their fundraising efforts on behalf of the Poppy Appeal.

Area co-ordinator for the appeal, Michael Turner, visited Tarleton Holy Trinity Primary to present pupils with an 'Outstanding' award from the legion after they raised around £400 for the second year in succession.

Head teacher of the Church Road school, Stephen Smith, said: "The final amount raised for the appeal last November was just over £423 and it's the second year running that the school has received the award after raising just under £400 in November 2016.

"Well done to everyone who bought a poppy, or other poppy merchandise - the wrist bands were especially popular.

"There are only 181 children in the school so it's amazing that collectively we managed to raise more than £400 for this very worthwhile cause."

Renewed calls for safety measures on road after latest fatal accident

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action needs to be taken and justifies the funding for something to be done about it."

Sergeant Finn Quainton, of Lancashire Constabulary's Road Policing Team, said: "Our thoughts remain with the family of the man at this tragic time. We would ask anyone who witnessed the collision to come forward."

Anyone with information is asked to call 101.

Lancashire County Council has been contacted for comment.

Supporters stage sparkling raffle draw to help Sam complete marathon challenge

Report by **Kenny Parker**

£1,200 Diamond necklace among star prizes to be won

A BALL to raise money to buy a specially-adapted bike for an inspirational Ormskirk man has smashed its target, now local businesses have donated prizes for a raffle to buy him much-needed physiotherapy.

Sam Formby defied doctors' expectations to survive a massive bleed on the brain at 15 years of age.

Medical experts at the time said he only had a 50-50 chance of living and if he did would probably need to be tube-fed and be unable to talk again.

Damaged

However he defied the odds again and the 32-year-old has already completed a sponsored marathon and two half-marathons on an adapted hand cycle to raise money for Derian House Children's Hospice and Rainbow House, Mawdesley.

Sam intends to complete six marathons this year but after his bike was damaged the charity ball was organised to buy him a new one costing about £8,500.

More than £10,000 was actually raised on the night and Sam is due to be measured up for his new bike in the coming weeks.

Now though supporters are planning to pay for Sam to have a year's physiotherapy to help him undertake his ambitious challenge by donating high-value prizes for a raffle to be drawn at The Edge in Edge Hill University on Tuesday, May 1

Sam Formby intends to complete six sponsored marathons this year on a specially-adapted bike - thanks to the fundraising efforts of his friends

Star items donated include a £1,200 diamond necklace by Joseph's Jjewellers, Ormskirk, and an £850 voucher from Helm Yacht Charters, based in London.

Honoured

Other prizes from Ormskirk companies include a £50 bar voucher for The Green Room, afternoon tea-for-two at The Edge, a MOT service at Whites, and a cubic metre of firewood from EA Formby.

Katie Wilson, on behalf of Joseph's jewellers, said : "Joseph's are honoured to be able to support such a worthy and heart-warming cause and hope we can help to raise significantly more funds."

Raffle tickets cost £5 and are available from numerous Ormksirk businesses including The Edge, St Helens Road; The Green Room, Moor Street; Joseph's Jeweller's Burscough Street; and Beautiful House, New Court Way.

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Eugenia defies age barrier to promote fitness initiative!

81-year-old says you're never too old to exercise

Report by **Kenny Parker**

FORMER dance teacher Eugenia Kervin believes age doesn't have to be a barrier to keeping fit - and she's proving her point by taking part in a county-wide initiative to get people active at the age of 81!

The pensioner from Aughton, who also used to help her late husband sail boats across Europe, felt she was getting out of shape so after reading about the West Lancashire Active Weight programme in the Champion she decided to give it a go.

Now, having completed the 12-week course at the Burscough Racquet and Fitness Centre where she has become a member, she is taking part in the Lancashire County Council-led health initiative, Your Mile Your Way, encouraging people to walk, run, hop, skip, jump or swim a mile on Friday, May 18.

She said: "I was having problems with my back and a kink in my spine and my muscle power was slowly starting to go. I didn't want things to get any worse so when I saw the programme advertised I thought I would give it a go.

"What I enjoy about the scheme isn't only the healthier living, but also you find you are in a nice social group of people who give each other encouragement.

"It's also a great way to motivate people who don't normally take exercise, to get involved."

The county council aims to encourage at least 24,901 people to take part in the Your Mile Your Way day - the number of miles it would take to go around the world.

Eugenia's husband John died at the age of 76, having suffered angina from his mid-40s. But his illness never dampened his love of sailing, cycling and fell walking which the couple enjoyed together.

Eugenia shapes up with partnership & services development officer Emma Davies at a Your Mile Your Way promotional event.

At one time the pair delivered sailing boats for holiday companies, steering yachts back and forth across the Mediterranean. Eugenia said: "It was very enjoyable but very taxing at the same time. You had to be very fit to handle the boats.

"After John died though I started doing less exercise and snacking during the day and evening on all the wrong things."

Meanwhile the sprightly octogenarian has also signed up for tai chi classes and she says: "You should never make your age an excuse for not doing exercise."

To sign up for Your Mile Your Way and find out about local events visit http://www.yourmileyourway.co.uk.

Nursery organises sponsored sports week for classmates with cystic fibrosis

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Sienna Woods does her sponsored trampette bounce watched by baby brother Noah and nursery staff and classmates

A CHILDREN'S nursery is holding a sponsored sports week in aid of a brother and sister who suffer with cystic fibrosis.

As previously reported in the Champion, 23-month-old Sienna and 10-month-old Noah Woods from Burscough were both born with the genetic condition.

Their parents Shelby and Martin have been fundraising to buy them each a chest wall oscillation vest, a machine that connects to a special vibrating vest and will enable the youngsters to have physiotherapy sessions automatically rather than manually.

The machines cost about £8,000 with vests costing approximately £300. The couple have already raised enough to buy one machine and are aiming to buy one for each of their children.

Now the Munchkins Village Nursery where the siblings attend have joined in the fundraising effort.

During this week youngsters at the nursery in Junction Lane, Burscough are taking part in a number of sponsored sporting activities, including bouncing on a trampette (a small trampoline) and tackling a mini 'assault course' in the garden. It is hoped the event will raise in the region of £600 or £700.

Nursery owner, Claire Ainscough, said they aim to hold a charity sporting event every year and have supported Children in Need and Sport Relief in the past. This time though they wanted to make a difference to a cause nearer home.

"The parents have campaigned very hard to get those oscillation vests and because the children attend our nursery we wanted to support that and get behind them."

Mum, Shelby, added: "I'd like to thank everyone at Munchkins who have organised the event and also all the parents, family and friends for sponsoring the children and the children themselves for taking part.

"Everyone at our fundraising group Steps for Sienna No Stopping for Noah really appreciate all the support."

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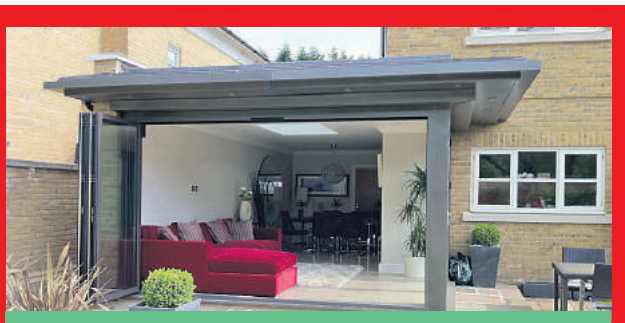

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Edge Hill dancers perform at New York book launch

MEMBERS of Edge Hill University's resident dance company 3rd Edge travelled to New York to perform at the US launch of the Oxford Handbook of Dance and Wellbeing.

The event was hosted at New York University by the Drama Therapy Programme, Dr Nisha Sajnani and Professor Vicky Karkou.

Students Emese Allen, Amelia Shallish, Ruby Rose Tate, Georgina Fowler, Lauren Green, Gabrielle Orr, Maria Mortimer, Sophia Thomas and Scarlett Primrose, closed the event with a performance of So Love…, choreographed by renowned dance artist, Mathieu Geffré.

Co-editor of the handbook, Professor Vicky Karkou, chair of Dance, Art and Wellbeing at Edge Hill, said: "Our students gained not only an experience of performing in a different venue at New York University, but an international experience of performing in one of the most exciting cities in the world in terms of contemporary dance."

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Rosie Cooper is supporting the Law Society campaign for legal aid to be provided for early advice in family and housing law

MP backs Law Society legal aid campaign

ROSIE Cooper is backing a Law Society campaign calling on the Government to provide legal aid for early advice in family and housing law.

Since 2012, legal aid has not been available for most areas of early legal advice.

And the West Lancs MP believes a lack of free early legal advice can cause problems to escalate unnecessarily, adding more pressure on public services, potentially increasing the burden on the courts, and increasing the cost to the public purse.

She also says a lack of legal aid for early advice is a barrier to individuals accessing justice, which has a wider impact on the rule of law and the ability of individuals to access their rights.

Speaking after a Parliamentary event on the campaign, she said: "I am regularly contacted by constituents with issues which could have been resolved sooner if only they had access to free early legal advice.

"We know the Government is currently reviewing the legal aid reforms made in 2012, and as part of that review I urge them to consider providing legal aid for early advice."

Law Society president, Joe Egan, said: "The current system is a false economy, meaning more cases are ending up in court that could have been resolved earlier, and more pressure is applied on our already stretched public services.

"We are calling on the Government to provide legal aid for early advice as part of their review of legal aid reforms."

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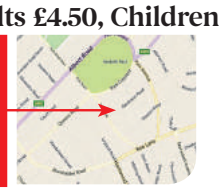

Community rallies round family of man found dead in town

Report by **Kenny Parker**

MEMBERS of the community have rallied round to support the family of a young man who was found dead in an Ormskirk street.

Police and paramedics were called to Southport Road in the town on Saturday, April 7 but the man, known only as Matty and believed to be 22 years old, was pronounced dead at the scene.

His funeral will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Friday, April 27.

Charlie Armstrong, a local resident and friend of the man's mother, said that a fundraising event was held at the town's Liquid Bar to help towards the costs of the funeral and to support the family. Local businesses donated raffle prizes and many people pitched in to help, said Charlie.

Money was still being collected at the time of writing but the total was already believed to be in excess of £1,500.

Charlie said: "This has been an unspeakably awful time for Matty's mum but she has friends and a real community is coming together."

A spokesperson for Lancashire Constabulary said they were called to Southport Road in Ormskirk at 10.42am on Saturday, April 7. The spokesperson said: "Officers and paramedics attended but sadly the man, in his 20s, was pronounced dead at the scene. His death is not being treated as suspicious and a file has been passed to the coroner."

Stephen Cliff, a student from Burscough, and founder of social media site The Real Burscough Community Forum, said Matty's death and that of a friend in January had rocked the local community

He is organising a Burscough's Got Talent night to raise money for mental health charity, Mind, to be held at the Stanley Institute, Burscough on Friday, June 29.

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County council launches consultation on plans to reduce funding for community transport

Public have eight weeks to comment on proposal to cut budget by £175,000 over two years

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council has launched an eight-week public consultation on proposals to reduce the budget which supports community transport services.

The council's cabinet agreed in January to reduce the community transport budget to contribute to savings needed to meet a forecasted funding gap of £144m in 2021/22.

Community transport in Lancashire is provided for people who are not able to use mainstream public transport and includes Dial-a-Ride, group transport, and community car schemes.

The budget helps to support services run by a number of operators, as well as Dial-a-Ride services operated by the county council's Travelcare team.

Council leader, County Councillor Geoff Driver, said: "We're committed to providing the best services we can, however like many other local authorities our financial position remains extremely challenging, with a forecasted funding gap of more than £144m in 2021/22.

Councillor Geoff Driver, leader of Lancashire County Council.

"This means we have to make some difficult decisions to balance the books, and, as well as making services as efficient as possible, having to find savings in almost every area of the council's work.

"Community transport provides an important service for people who can't access other public transport and we want to understand as much as we can about the possible impact of reducing our level of support before making any decisions.

Savings

"We're holding an eight-week consultation, and I'm very grateful for people taking the time to let us know how they use these services and how they may be affected."

The council is proposing to make savings of £175,000 over two years from the community transport budget.

The consultation will run until Sunday, June 10.

Members of the public are invited to respond online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay or by completing a paper copy available from community transport drivers.

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Derby (Ward) – **Cllr Gareth Dowling**
Gareth has lived in Ormskirk for over 10 years and has been one of West Lancashire Borough Council's most active councillors since 2014. He has a fantastic track record of securing funding for local organisations and charities, including writing the successful bid to Lancashire County Council (LCC) for £66,000 to aid in traffic calming measures, helping secure over £7,000 in funds for the Ormskirk flood action group and also working with them, LCC and the Environment Agency to secure over £170,000 for flood impact studies across all three wards of Ormskirk. Gareth is also a Governor on Ormskirk School Trust and St Teresa's Primary School, and previously was a Committee Member of Ormskirk Community Partnership working with the team on delivery of the Ormskirk Gingerbread Festival.

Knowsley (Ward) – **Michelle Aldridge**
Michelle says: *"Knowsley Ward is my home and has been for the last fifteen years. It would be a great honour to represent you and the area in which I live on West Lancashire Borough Council. I care passionately about Ormskirk and all those living in Knowsley Ward. I have been active in the local community for many years – as a teacher, working in the voluntary sector and as a community activist. I am a person of conviction and action. For example, I successfully led the campaign to improve road safety at the Fiveways junction following a number of road traffic collisions. For me, it's about actions, not just words. I will ensure Knowsley Ward has a strong voice within the council. I will be a vocal champion on issues that really matter to you."*

Scott (Ward) – **Cllr Noel Delaney**
Noel says: *"We are making a positive difference, reversing the Tory legacy of neglect to our community, but there is still more to do. Now more than ever, the people of Scott Ward need a vocal and experienced councillor who knows how to get things done. I care passionately about Ormskirk and all those living in Scott Ward. I have been active in the local community for many years and committed to making a difference to the everyday lives of local people. As Deputy Mayor, I have seen at first hand the positive contribution many of our residents make to help our community flourish. I was brought up in Ormskirk and a former pupil at St Bede's Catholic High School. I have lived here nearly all my life. I know and understand the issues that matter to you - good local schools, a community-based NHS, affordable housing for local people, clean and safe places and roads."*

Burscough East – **Sue Evans**
Sue has lived in West Lancashire for thirty years, over twenty of those in Burscough, raising her children and grandchildren. Wherever she has lived, Sue has always played an active role in the community, helping to run playgroups, delivering meals-on-wheels, fundraising for Scout groups and as a member of the PTA at her children's school for 15 years. Since retiring, Sue has been volunteering at the hospice shop and has joined a number of local groups including Nifty Fifties at Burscough's Sports Centre and the Local Vocals choir, which have widened her involvement in the community and enabled her to better understand the key issues that local residents are most concerned about.

Burscough West – **Cynthia Dereli**
Cynthia says: *"Since 1992 when I was first elected to the Council, I have served as a Borough and Parish Councillor and between 2013 and 2017 as your County Councillor. During that time I was involved in and led campaigns on many local issues, from improvements to our train stations to opposing harmful planning applications, including several years of opposing the Yew Tree Farm development, as the Conservative controlled Council railroaded it through. I believe strongly in the importance of community action and have helped to initiate and support several community groups, from a Friends of Stations group to U3A, a Sustainability group at the Parish Council which took on the promotion of renewable energy, to the Fairtrade town group and most recently the Burscough Hub group and the campaign to oppose to fracking. For me, the role of councillor is also about representing the views and needs of our community, and supporting individuals in their interface with the Borough Council - a role I would work hard to fulfil."*

Scarisbrick – **Claire Bowen**
Claire is born and raised in the rural community and fully understands the challenges and opportunities of those living outside of our main urban conurbations. Claire worked for several years as a carer for the elderly, often living in isolated conditions, visiting homes across the borough providing care and support. Claire is heavily involved in local youth groups and wants to bring that discipline and dedication to the role of councillor. Claire's priorities are supporting rural residents with local transport, access to services and amenities and ensuring support for our older generation living in the rural and remote areas of West Lancashire.

Aughton Park – **Bernie Green**
Bernie Green has been chosen as the Labour candidate to fight for the Aughton Park seat for West Lancashire Borough Council. Bernie is well-equipped to represent Aughton Park from her professional career to her extensive involvement with community and voluntary groups. Bernie is a mother of two, a carer for her husband, and continues to play a full and active role in the community. Bernie is a Foundation Governor at a primary school, and is a marriage registrar for her church alongside her active support for the Labour party Having worked as a civil servant, in market research and then as sales negotiator, including in Aughton Park, Bernie knows how to secure a decent deal for residents.

Aughton & Downholland – **Steve Kirrelly**
Steve Kirrelly is a retired teacher of History and P.E. He is a life member of the NUT and the Lancashire Delegate on the National Organising Forum of the NUT. He is also on the National Council of the National Pensioners Convention and wishes to see substantial improvements in the health and care provision for this retired generation and future generations. He is proud of his 40 years of teaching service in state schools, and cares deeply about creating opportunity for new generations. He's interested in creating local, affordable housing solutions so younger families can stay in the area, as opposed to using up vast areas of greenbelt on luxury developments which maximise profits for developers. Steve has lived in the area since 1975, is married with two grown up children and four grandchildren. He can also often be spotted keeping fit at Ormskirk Shotokan Karate Club, though he declares no intention of bringing such skills to the Council chamber.

Newburgh – **Julian Finch**
Julian says: *"I am a retired Youth & Community Development Worker with teaching qualifications and life long experience working with children, young people, families and Communities.. I've worked with communities in Skelmersdale, Liverpool, St. Helens, Wigan, Preston, Bolton, Blackburn & Darwen, within the voluntary sector and Local Government Services. I was Chief Executive of a local Charity working with disadvantaged young people, including homeless, unemployed, and various other complex needs. I have been active in Trade Unions. I've been a school governor, a Trustee and Company Director of a number of Charities and a Parish Councillor. I have also done a lot of voluntary work in the Scouts association in my local church, with refugees and with disabled children and young people. I have organised international volunteering projects and I am an experienced fund raiser."*

Parbold – **Clare Gillard**
Clare is a retired teacher who lives in Parbold and volunteers with a range of activities in the community. She is secretary of the Parbold Community Association which runs the Village Hall on behalf of the Parish Council who owns it. The Newsletter is produced by the Community Association too and Clare edits it on their behalf. Clare volunteers at Parbold Picture House, which shows popular films on alternate Sundays. She also helps with Front Row performances transmitted from national theatres and Parbold Douglas Music live events. During the day, Clare helps with the Lunch Club on alternate Tuesdays and is a volunteer driver for West Lancs Dial-a-Ride. She uses her own car to give lifts to people who cannot access public transport. Clare is already dedicated to serving the residents and community of Parbold and continues to work hard for the benefit of local residents.

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New provider to take over out-of-hours GP services in borough

Handover scheduled for May 1 but no change to availability or hours of operation

Report by **Henry James**

OUT-of-hours GP services in West Lancashire will be provided by Vocare Limited from Tuesday, May 1 - providing access to GP appointments from 6.30pm until 8am weekdays and 24/7 at weekends.

Services will continue to operate in the same way as at present and there will be no change to availability or hours of operation.

Vocare Limited is a sudsidiary of Totally plc, the provider of a range of out-of-hospital services to the healthcare sector in the UK.

The contract has been agreed for a four-year period with the option to extend by a further two years.

GP out-of-hours services in the borough were previously provided by OWLS CIC but the organisation's contract expires at the end of this month.

Virgin Care was commissioned by the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group from May 2017 to oversee urgent care services in the area, which includes walk-in centres, the out-of-hours GP service and community services. Virgin sub-contracted Vocare Limited to deliver the service from Tuesday, May 1.

Virgin Care has sub-contracted the service to Vocare Limited

Experienced

However, operators say the service remains part of the NHS and will be held to the same high standards as any other NHS service.

It will also be inspected and regulated in much the same way, while also remaining free-at-the-point-of-need like any other NHS service, they say.

Michelle Lee, managing director for Virgin Care in West Lancashire, said: "Vocare is an experienced provider of integrated urgent care services to the NHS throughout the UK and we are pleased to be working with them to deliver GP out-of-hours services in West Lancashire.

"I would like to thank the current provider OWLS CIC for the contribution they have made to the out-of-hours service during their time as provider. We will continue to deliver a high-quality service with no changes to opening times or availability for local people."

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Dance school on the move

Switch to new studio a step in the right direction

OFFICIALS of a West Lancs dancing school reckon their latest move is certainly a step in the right direction.

The Base Dance Performing Arts Academy has moved from the Malthouse Business Centre in Ormskirk, where it has operated from since 2013, to a new building with improved facilities on the Platts Lane Industrial Estate in Burscough.

And it's almost a case of back to base for Base which was founded in Burscough in 2008!

After months of work, including the installation of specialised flooring, the Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey, performed the official opening ceremony at the new studio.

To mark the opening day, the academy, which also trains dance teachers, provided free dance workshops, while existing students showcased their current class work.

Base Dance principal, Claire Lloyd, a qualified dance specialist/lecturer, said: "The interest at the opening event was fantastic. Lots of new families came to view our new facilities and watched and joined in the classes taught by our wonderful staff, as well as enrolling into our free trial classes.

"Safe dance practice is a priority so our new facilities provide sprung and specialised dance floors, spacious rooms, including equipment, along with highly-trained and skilled teachers in their field.

"I am so happy with our new academy and so it seems is everyone else - the compliments about how amazing it is just keep coming!

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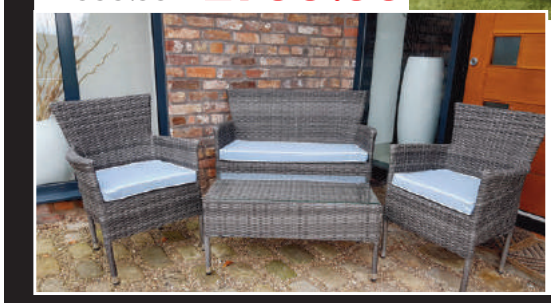

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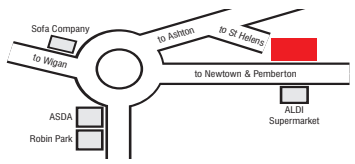

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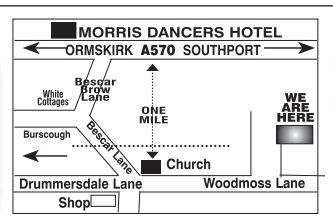

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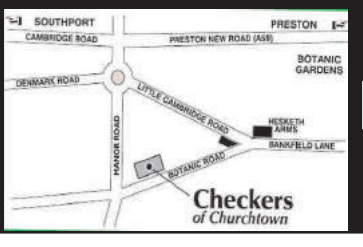

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MEMBERS of the Spartac Gymnastics Club have received a boost for their fundraising efforts to attend the World Gymnaestrada in Austria next year after being presented with a cheque for £750 by the Ormskirk and Maghull Lions.

Based at Edge Hill University, the club caters for all ages and levels of ability and has a long history of inclusive gymnastics displays.

It has represented Great Britain since 2003 and also performed on the West End stage to celebrate the Royal Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Surely public have a right to know how our council tax money is spent?

RE: Councillor Noel Delaney's reply (Letters, April 11) to my earlier letter.

Noel, I do not want to accompany you for a week and suggest you may have misunderstood my letter.

I suggested the council/councillors implement a system of reporting councillors' activities every three months in order to justify their activities.

We council tax payers need to see how our taxes are spent at councillor activity level. Surely this is a reasonable request?

Councillors get paid a weekly allowance of £70 (£3,640 per year) plus expenses of approximately £20 weekly (£1,040 per year). Our 47 councillors receive a total of nearly £200,000 each year for carrying out their duties.

My point is what do they do and can we be informed on a regular basis?

There is also the Mayor, and Deputy Mayor who must cost, at least another £20,000.

Current information about council activities comes to us courtesy of the Champion newspaper and consists of numerous 'ground-breaking' panaceas of activities which disappear without trace.

This also applies to MP Rosie Cooper's activities and the NHS.

We, the council tax-paying public need to know.

Graham P. Walker,
Up Holland

Easier getting info from the Kremlin!

I WISH Maurice George well in getting answers from Councillor Moran about the new building company the council want to set up (Letters, April 11).

I have tried for four months to get information on the £3m they are spending on houses for sale at Westec House and feel it would have been easier to get into the KGB files in the Kremlin!

From the limited information the council are willing to share with us taxpayers, it seems that they are quite simply winging it.

Craig Sneddon,
by email

Why can't cable companies and local authorities collaborate to tackle the pothole menace?

WE have just had ducting and wiring operations carried out to enable access to Virgin Media's services in our area and they did a clean and reasonably quick job.

However, whilst walking down Wimbrick Crescent at its junction with Prescot Road I noticed the post-Virgin work on the footpaths and the horrendous state of the road with its potholes in dire need of some sort of intervention.

One thought struck me. There are common elements to Virgin's work and pothole repair work - tarmacadam and a compressor to hard pack it.

Am I over-simplifying a solution or could Virgin and the council not collaborate, under the supervision of the council, and carry out road repairs whilst the raw materials are in situ and Virgin invoice the council for labour and raw materials?

These potholes are not going away you know.

Frustrated, Aughton

Are we living in wrong area?

MY husband and I recently had a telephone message from a lady called Pam who said she was from Home Care Link.

She knew our names and left a phone number.

I called the number not knowing who they were and the gentleman who answered said there was no-one there called Pam. However, he explained that they provide a personal alarm service.

I asked for a leaflet with more information which he said he would send. He said there would be no price on it but it would cost £1.11 per week.

He then asked for my address and said: "Oh, you don't live in Knowsley then?" and said that in that case it would be £3 a week with a £30 installation charge in West Lancs.

Yet again we lose out. Are we living in the wrong area, I ask myself.

M. R., by email

PICTURE of the week

Don't rain on my parade! The flag of St George made a handy shelter from a brief April shower during Sunday's St George's Day parade through Ormskirk. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Drop us a line

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters to the editor should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and should include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

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Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.

■ PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.

Bins confusion beggars belief

CONFUSION is the name of the game when it comes to the bin collections.

Not only at the end of the £30 enrolment saga where it says card charges may apply, but the overall management of the soon-to-be launched brown bin beggars belief.

One would think that a brown bin resembles the colour of cardboard and the existing green bin resembles grass cuttings/garden waste. But no, let's swap it around, green garden waste in brown bin and brown cardboard waste into green bin.

Then the confusion is compounded by charges for brown bins if you don't enrol for the green bin £30 by a date in June. So when they send the 'I've paid for green collection sticker' I wonder how many people will stick it on the wrong green bin instead of the new brown one?

To top it all, no one has been consulted on the subject of yet another wheelie bin outside of your house and is it really green (or brown) when you consider the amount of plastic used and the carbon footprint to manufacture them.?

Do people within the council actually command a wage for this debacle. Let's wait to see how it all unfolds. Comical!

Paul Mullany, Skelmersdale

● RE: the letter from Arthur Welch (Champion, April 11), all residents do not have a green garden waste bin.

I had to pay £30 last year for the privilege or the bin would not be emptied. I have a special sticker on my green bin for pick-up.

I now have to pay for a new brown bin which is another £30 for this year.

Lynn Muirhead, by email

Editor's Note: Correspondence on this topic is now closed

Dog walker's dirty deed left me speechless

DRIVING along Swanpool Lane on a Wednesday, grey bin collection day, I was pleased to see a dog walker clean up after his dog.

I was not so pleased when he dropped the package into the first grey bin he passed.

If I had been walking I might have had the courage to challenge him, but who knows what response I would get from such an unprincipled member of the public.

Eileen Hill, Aughton

Article didn't mention water company's lack of drainage capacity

RE: The article headed 'Water company says most of flooding issues in Burscough are down to residents' disposal of inappropriate waste' (Champion, April 11).

Despite being supplied with information and proof by Burscough Flooding Group, the article didn't mention that United Utilities chief executive Steven Mogford had said the foul sewer flooding problems that residents in Gower Gardens (adjacent to the area pictured in the article) were suffering from, was due to the company having insufficient drainage capacity and that the problem wouldn't even be considered for expenditure until the 2020-2025 period.

Yet within weeks of Ofwat beginning an investigation into whether United Utilities were deliberately under-recording sewer flooding, Lancashire County Council and United Utilities jointly dug up large parts of the area around Gower Gardens and re-routed the network to increase the capacity in that area.

Gavin Rattray, Burscough Flooding Group

High time to give St Modwen their marching orders

IT is now more than 10 years since St Modwen signed a contract with West Lancashire Borough Council to begin construction of a new town centre in Skelmersdale.

The company recently published its performance of North West projects and yet failed to mention its commitment to Skelmersdale in the report.

There they are, St Modwen, praising themselves to the heavens on how well they are doing at the various nearby sites in Merseyside and the North West and yet failed to mention their contract to develop Skelmersdale's new town centre.

If St Modwen cannot deliver after more than 10 years, then it's high time they were given their marching orders.

Bill Clarke, by email

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I believe some bus safety 'rules' were made to be broken

AT he risk of boring some regular 'Dog' readers and possibly offending others, I'm returning to bus travel again this week.

Please don't misunderstand me, I am certainly not against measures designed to keep us passengers safe, but I am convinced that some rules, though good in themselves, were designed to be broken by a majority of the people they apply to.

Foremost of those is the admonition inside the vehicle that passengers wishing to alight should press the 'stop' button and remain seated until the bus has stopped completely. It sounds like common sense, and in a perfect world it certainly would be. Problem is, we do not live in this utopian dream.

Think back, if you're old enough, to the days when if you wanted the bus to stop, the first thing you had to do was stand up so that the conductor (the person who came round to collect fares and issue tickets) could press the bell, signalling the driver to halt at the next bus stop.

There was no choice in the matter, whether you were seven or 77. Even if you were brave enough to risk the wrath of the conductor, to press the bell yourself required you to stand and probably move several feet down the bus to a bell-push.

Now of course there is no conductor, so it's a matter of do it yourself. And even now, not every passenger can sit adjacent to a bell push so movement may be required anyway.

Yes, for many elderly, or folk with restricted movement for whatever reason, the idea of remaining seated while the bus is in motion is a good idea that normally works well. The problem arises though when able-bodied people who have already left their seats and gone to the front ready to get off, are followed by others at the rear who had remained seated.

Folk waiting to get on should - and most do - wait for people to get off and clear the entrance for them to get on. But in the circumstance I mentioned, those at the stop can easily assume that everyone wishing to get off has done so, and chaos and ill-temper often ensues. At the same time, the bus is standing at the stop, becoming later and later to the frustration of those already aboard.

I reckon the two main causes of this are either that people none to quick on their pins have decided or had to sit towards the rear; or, far worse, that youngsters (who traditionally haunt the rear seats) delay their departure by continuing to chat to friends until the very last moment.

The simple fact is that should everybody stay seated until the bus is safely stopped, timetables would have to be adjusted to allow for the lengthy dwell times which would occur at every stop.

I'd bet a pound to a penny that those who compile timetables assume that most passengers will have made a move before the stop is reached, and in the early days of universal one-person operated buses they were certainly correct. Now though increasingly people either obey the 'stay seated' rule or apparently use it as an excuse to continue with conversations before they reluctantly get to their feet.

Common sense seems to be a thing increasingly of the past - just like bus conductors. If it really is considered dangerous not to be seated when the bus is on the move, why then are any standing passengers ever allowed?

I am not criticising the less mobile of our community for staying put - I have been a 'Twirly' for a good few years myself and am certainly no spring lamb these days. All I am suggesting is that just as good manners allow us usually to queue in an orderly fashion and be prepared to vacate those front seats if they are needed by someone of reduced mobility, those of us who still can should get ourselves off the bus in as good and quick order as is safe to do.

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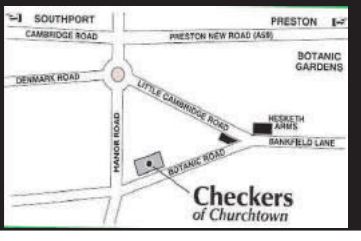

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Driver chased by police went through red light at rail crossing

By our **Court Reporter**

The railway crossing at Wyke Lane

AN 18-year-old man has appeared in court for driving through a red light and barriers at a railway crossing in West Lancashire while being chased by police

James McGrath, of Malee Crescent, Southport, appeared at Sefton Magistrates Court on April 18 where he pleaded guilty to dangerous driving.

Melanie Tomlinson, prosecuting, said that officers in a marked police car tried to stop McGrath who was driving a black Renault Clio on Cambridge Avenue, Southport at 11.10pm on September 19 of last year, as the car was not registered as being insured or having an MOT.

McGrath failed to stop, Ms Tomlinson said, and continued to drive at speeds of 50mph and 60mph in a 20mph residential area.

The police pursuit continued through Southport towards Moss Lane and Wyke Lane in Scarisbrick, she said, adding: "As the vehicles travelled along that route they approached a railway crossing. The light at the crossing showed amber, warning approaching motorists that a train arrival was imminent.

"As both vehicles got closer, the light then changed to red. At that point McGrath made no attempt to slow down or stop. Basically he went through the railway crossing, placing the train and the passengers as well as the driver at risk."

Miss Tomlinson said that after going through the crossing McGrath was not located that night. He was the registered keeper of the car, however, and when police wrote to him, he confirmed that he had been driving the car that night.

The prosecutor continued: "The Crown would say that this is not suitable for the magistrates court on the basis of it being a police chase travelling at speed through areas governed by 20mph speed limits in a residential area. And then obviously the vehicle went through a rail traffic post where everyone was put at risk."

Solicitor Grahame Halliwell said that McGrath could have made it difficult for police by not admitting that he had been the driver. He said that McGrath has Asperger's syndrome and had no previous convictions.

The magistrates sent the matter to Liverpool Crown Court for sentencing.

Asking for a pre-sentence report, they said: "The potential of a death was quite severe, not only for yourself but potentially anybody on the train, so we are not going to accept jurisdiction."

Vole spotters wanted for wildlife charity survey

A NATIONAL charity is appealing for volunteers to help to survey the number of water voles in West Lancashire.

The People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) is calling on wildlife enthusiasts to help monitor signs of the UK's disappearing water voles as part of its annual National Water Vole Monitoring Programme, which runs until June 15.

Water voles were once a common sight along UK riverbanks and waterways. However, over the last century they have experienced the most severe decline of any wild mammal in the UK in the face of threats from invasive American mink, habitat loss, agricultural intensification and pollution.

Emily Thomas from the charity said: "We use the data gathered to monitor population trends year on year, which in turn help guide our conservation efforts and inform us where action is needed most."

Volunteers are asked to survey one of nearly 900 pre-selected sites across the UK, recording all sightings and signs of water voles along a 500m length of riverbank once during the course of the two-month period.

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To find out more, or to take part, visit ptes.org/watervoles

Details announced for village fair

HILLDALE Community Association has announced details of its forthcoming village fair.

The event will take place at the Hilldale Village Hall and field, Chorley Road, on Saturday, May 12, starting at 1pm, following the crowning of the Rose Queen, and running until around 4pm.

Among the attractions lined up this year are a fun dog show and demonstration; a cake competition; a performance by the Red Rose Marching Band; bouncy castle and morris dancers.

There will also be a barbecue, cream teas, tombola, raffle and a variety of stalls.

The cost of hiring a stall is £10 with all proceeds going towards a village benefit fund. To book a stall call 01257 462627 or email hello@hilldale-ca.org.

For more details about the fair visit www.this-is-hilldale.btck.co.uk.

College students to present Dance Show

STUDENTS in the West Lancashire College's performing arts department will present their yearly *Dance Show* at The Hope Theatre, College Way, Skelmersdale, on Friday, May 4 from 7pm.

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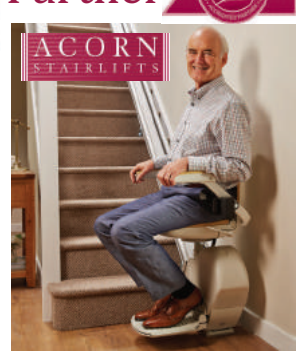

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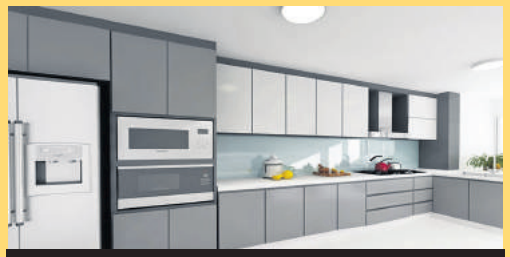

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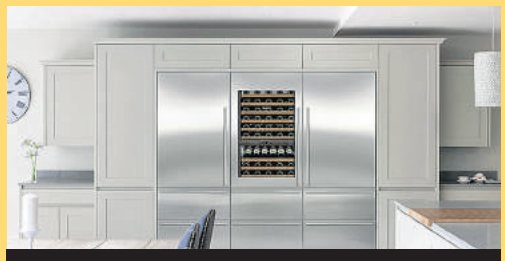

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Rural communities urged to have their say in crime survey

Report by **Henry James**

THE 2018 National Rural Crime Survey was launched last week and Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, is urging those who live and work in the county's rural communities to have their say.

The survey aims to find out the public's perceptions of rural policing, as well as their views on crime and anti-social behaviour. It will also focus on the impact of crime to households and businesses in rural communities.

With previous surveys suggesting that rural crime is under-reported, this year's will look at understanding why this has been the case and how to increase the reporting of crimes in rural areas.

In Lancashire residents will also be asked about ways they would like to see the police interact with them and help keep their communities safe.

Mr Grunshaw, said: "This survey is all about ensuring members of our rural communities get their voices heard. I want to know more about the sorts of crime people are experiencing, whether they are reporting it to the police as well as how they want to engage.

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw is urging rural communities to take part in the national crime survey

"Since 2010, Lancashire Constabulary have had to make savings of almost £84m a year which has resulted in the loss of around 800 officers.

"This has meant a lot of changes to the way we deliver the service but we still need to get a clear picture of the experiences of crime and policing in our rural communities to allocate resources according to the demands across the whole county.

"Previous surveys have suggested that crime in rural areas is under-reported and I want to understand if this is the case in Lancashire and if so, why.

"Protecting rural communities is as much a priority for me as is policing our more urban towns and cities and I hope residents will take the time to complete this survey to further add to the police's understanding of the personal, social and economic cost of rural crime."

The survey is run through the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN) which is made up of 28 Police and Crime Commissioners, including Lancashire, as well as police forces across the country and other organisations with links to rural issues.

NRCN chair, Julia Mulligan, added: "The aim of the National Rural Crime Network is to see greater recognition and understanding of the problems and impact of crime in rural communities so more can be done to help them be safe – and feel safe. In order to achieve that, we need to know the true picture of crime and anti-social behaviour that residents and businesses face."

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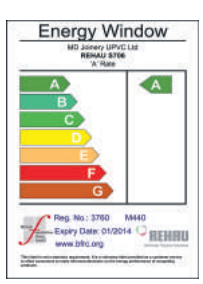

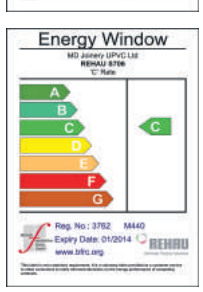

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Majority of primary starters will go to preferred schools

FIGURES released by the county council reveal more than 98% of primary school starters in Lancashire will go to one of their preferred schools in September.

Details for primary school admissions show that 90.6% will get their first preference and 7.48% will go to schools which were their second or third preference.

And the number of children receiving preferred places is likely to rise, as places are allocated from the lists of those children who are waiting for a place, as appeals are heard and adjustments are made.

County Councillor Susie Charles *(right)*, Lancashire's cabinet member for Children, Young People and Schools, said: "This is an exciting but anxious time of year for parents as they find out where their child will be starting school.

"98% of pupils have been allocated a place at one of the schools they preferred, with the majority getting a place at the school they wanted the most. Importantly, once again, we've been able to offer every child in Lancashire a school place.

"School places are allocated fairly and objectively using the criteria which have been agreed for that school. "However, I know it can be very disappointing for parents if their child is one of the few who don't get one of their preferences, and our local admissions teams will be happy to give information and advice."

This year 95% of applications were completed online and a total of 13,603 children have received primary school place offers.

Parents will receive details about who to contact for advice and information on school admissions and appeals in their offer letter or email.

For more information, visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. Parents can also call on 0300 123 6707.

Budding performers put on a show for nursing home residents - then 85-year-old Maisie turns the tables!

RESIDENTS at a West Lancs nursing home were treated to an afternoon of music and drama by talented youngsters from a local secondary school - followed by an impromptu performance by a fellow resident!

Performing arts students from Deyes High School in Maghull went along to Springfield Court in Aughton where they sang individually and as a choir, as well as acting out scenes from the play, *Blood Brothers*.

Then the tables were turned though when resident, 85-year-old Maisie Hambley, a former professional singer, offered to perform for the students and was warmly received.

The students had been invited to the home after activities co-ordinator Liz Wynn attended the school's Christmas pensioners' party.

And their performances went down a treat with residents and staff.

Liz said: "They were top class and really engaged with our residents. They even learned a couple of songs that the residents knew so that they could join in. Then one of our residents, Maisie Hambley, who used to perform with Ken Dodd's roadshow, said she would like to sing for the children.

"She did - and she was absolutely brilliant."

The Deyes High School pupils performing at Springfield Court.

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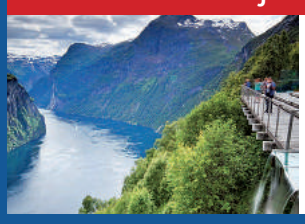

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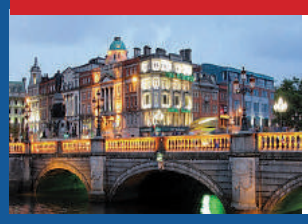

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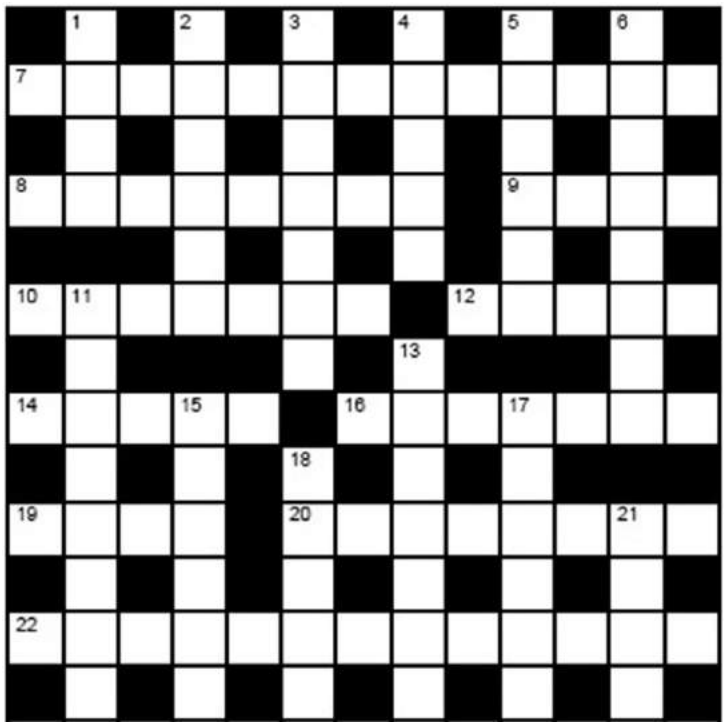

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Across: 7. Museum. 8. Heated. 9. Stay. 10. Indebted. 11. Ominous. 13. Liger. 15. Plaza. 17. Elegant. 20. Umbrella. 21. Lees. 22. Victim. 23. Airily.
Down: 1. Custom. 2. Very. 3. Impious. 4. Shady. 5. Gambling. 6. Serene. 12. Nazareth. 14. Almanac. 16. Limpid. 18. Needle. 19. Clump. 21. Lore.

ACROSS

7. Machines into which drivers put money to allow them to leave their vehicle in an allotted space (7, 6)
8. Garments (8)
9. Small whirlpool (4)
10. Make or become rough (7)
12. Traffic light colour (5)
14. Edge or border (5)
16. The mass of a substance per unit volume (7)
19. A word said to frighten away a person or animal (4)
20. Sudden release of strong emotion (8)
22. Phrase conventionally used as the opening of a (fairy) story (4, 4, 1, 4)

DOWN

1. Send by post (4)
2. John Curry or Robin Cousins for instance (6)
3. Archaic term for someone who has different religious beliefs or none (7)
4. Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
5. Small river or brook (6)
6. An inclined part of a road or railway; a slope (8)
11. Extend outwards above (8)
13. Area of London known for its theatres (4, 3)
15. Crawl, act obsequiously (6)
17. Informal term for a quick look or inspection (6)
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Hannah Hughes before and after she lost 8st 12lbs

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HANNAH Hughes is half the woman she used to be - and she couldn't be happier.

The 35-year-old from Ormskirk has been named 'Greatest Loser 2018' by her Slimming World group after shedding an incredible 8st 12lb and going from a dress size 20 to a size 10 - and says she feels fabulous.

Hannah decided to join her local Slimming World group after seeing it advertised on social media.

And after overcoming her initial nerves, the mum-of-one says she has made many new friends who have helped her on her weight loss journey.

Hannah followed the club's Food Optimising eating plan and swapped takeaways for Sunday roasts or spaghetti bolognaise. She says: "People think slimming means going hungry, eating nothing but salad or obsessively counting every calorie you eat but it's not like that.

"I love food and never once felt like I was on a diet – in fact, people are always surprised at how much is on my plate and can't believe I'm losing weight eating so much delicious food."

Hannah is also more active since her weight loss and regularly goes for walks or swimming.

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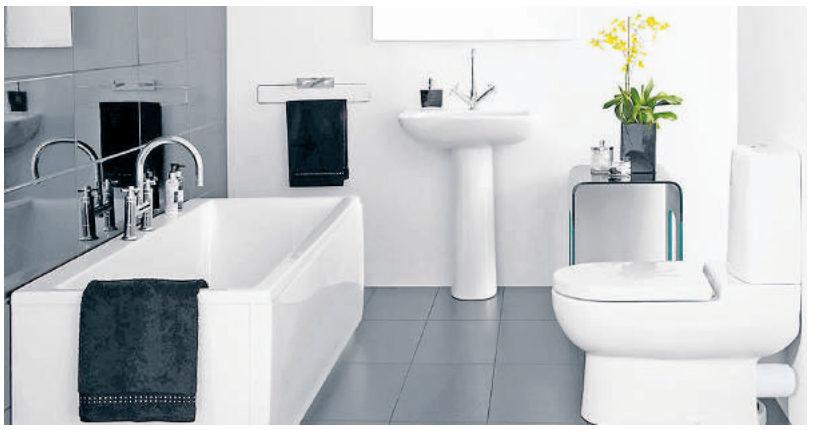

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Students raise funds for Forces' charity

A MILITARY-themed fancy dress night at the Alpine club in Ormskirk raised £300 for the Help For Heroes charity.

Mike Durgan, organiser of the event at the club in Railway Road, said: "The night was a huge success, the students came out in force and as well as raising £300 for the charity, hopefully it will also have helped to raise awareness."

Help for Heroes supports British servicemen and women wounded or injured in the line of duty and their families.

Regional co-ordinator for the charity, Alex Hartland-Bridges, said: "We thank the club and their patrons for their wonderful support .The funds raised will be most gratefully received."

Some of the guests at the fancy dress fundraiser

New date for Heatons Bridge Military Vehicle Trust display

THE next military-themed event at the Heatons Bridge Inn in Scarisbrick has been re-scheduled for the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6.

Originally planned for April 7 and 8, the event had to be postponed after persistent wet weather rendered the field unusable that weekend.

Military enthusiasts have been meeting at the venue for 50 years and the group is now formally recognised as the Mid-Lancs Area of the national Military Vehicle Trust.

The group hosts meetings every six months featuring displays of military vehicles, weapons and equipment.

Heatons Bridge Inn, which is run by Steve and Jacqui Winrow, has retained a Second World War free-standing brick pillbox which formed part of the Home Guard defence provisions.

As at previous events, it is planned to set up a small Home Guard display inside the pillbox to give visitors a 'feel' of what it might have been like for a soldier to have been holed up there.

Anyone with a military or military-related vehicle or camp display is welcome to join the group and camp over for the weekend.

The event is also family-friendly and members of the public are invited to visit the displays and chat with the participants. There are no entry fees.

The exhibition runs all day on the Saturday and through to Sunday lunchtime with the group setting up the site on the Friday. Organisers advise that visitors bring wellies due to the possibility that there may still be muddy conditions.

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Recruits wanted for next Prince's Trust course

OFFICIALS of the Prince Trust are looking to recruit entrants from across Ormskirk and Skelmersdale for their latest development course beginning on Tuesday, May 8.

The 12-week course is designed to help 16 to 25-year-olds to gain the skills they need to help them to get into employment, further education or training.

During the course the young people will undertake a team-building residential trip and a community project in the local area.

They will also be given opportunity for a personalised work placement in order to gain skills and knowledge in the industry of their choice where they will receive a workplace reference.

In addition, recruits will receive CV-building and interview workshops and take part in a team challenge where they will support and organise activities for a local group in the community.

Organiser, Ben Duffy, said: "As a team we have a high success rate for our learners progressing into employment and education."

If you are interested or know someone who is, you cabn contact Ben for more information by email at ben.duffy@westlancs.ac.uk or by telephone on 07500 606 740.

● PICTURED left: Previous participants receive certificates for completing the Prince's Trust course from the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney and Mrs Ann Stubbert.

Team 16 help council Rangers create fairy door trail in park

PRINCE'S Trust Team 16 Ormskirk, delivered through West Lancashire College, have helped West Lancs Council's Parks and Countryside Rangers create a fairy door trail through woodland at the town's Coronation Park, as part of their community project.

Over a week of braving the elements and working hard the team opened a pathway leading through the woodland creating habitat piles for wildlife and making bird boxes and feeders.

They also developed spotters' guides for children to discover what they have created. Anyone wishing to have a go at spotting should visit the office at Coronation Park.

Heidi McDougall, West Lancs director of leisure and environment, said: "The council is very grateful to the Prince's Trust Team 16 for their help in creating this lovely new feature for the park."

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‘Eat healthily’ message to cut risk of type 2 diabetes

FOLLOWING on from Diabetes Prevention Week (April 16-22) residents in the borough are being urged to eat healthily and be more active to help reduce their risk of type 2 diabetes.

GPs and other healthcare professionals in West Lancashire are advising residents to find out if they are at risk and act to improve their future health.

It is estimated that more than 3,800 people in Lancashire are currently at risk of developing the condition which can lead to strokes, heart disease, limb amputation and early death.

Diabetes and its complications cost the country over £6 billion every year to treat and one in six patients in hospital has diabetes. Around nine out of 10 people with diabetes have type 2 diabetes which is closely linked to obesity and is largely preventable by eating healthily, being more active and losing weight.

The NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme is a free local service for those who are at risk of type 2 diabetes. The programme is designed to stop or delay the onset of the disease through a range of personalised lifestyle interventions, including education on lifestyle choices, advice on how to reduce weight through healthier eating and bespoke physical activity programmes.

An estimated 3,800 people in Lancashire are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes which is closely linked to obesity.

More than 1,800 people have already been referred onto the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme in Lancashire, with more than 750 people taking up the offer.

You can check to see if you are at risk of type 2 diabetes at website diabetes.org.uk/risk.

Mike Maguire, chief officer at NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group, said: “By adopting a more active lifestyle, we can all reduce our risk of developing type 2 diabetes. This doesn’t have to involve expensive gym memberships, simply getting up and walking or joining a free activity such as parkrun, can help. The NHS recommends that we all aim for 10,000 steps a day.

“Also changing your diet to cut out the junk food and eating more fruit and vegetables will not only help to make you look better but feel better.

“If you are concerned about type 2 diabetes or want to learn more about how best to avoid it, please speak to your GP.”

Ormskirk parkrun is a timed 5km run that takes place every Saturday at 9am at Edge Hill University. It is free and run by volunteers for the benefit of the community.

WWT

Martin Mere news

ADVERTISING FEATURE

LEGO® brick animals return to WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre

The amazing GIANT LEGO® brick animal trail, the only one of its kind in the UK, is returning to WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre this spring with three NEW friends including Sam the Short-eared Owl. This new model was unveiled today at Martin Mere. It took an amazing 80 hours to build with an incredible 37,884 LEGO bricks.

Fourteen GIANT 4ft (1.5m) LEGO brick sculptures will be returning to the centre in Lancashire for 6 weeks from Wednesday 9 May to Sunday 24 June, all inspired by real species at WWT Martin Mere. Included are a large North American River Otter, a Hawaiian Goose (Nene), the world’s rarest goose, a giant Kingfisher, frog and a flamingo, plus new models that include a white stork, an owl and a water vole. In total 253,728 LEGO bricks were used to make all 14 wetland characters.

LEGO fans (young and old) will be able to enjoy exploring the grounds to find all of the characters, winning a sticker for finding all fourteen.

As well as the trail, budding sculptors can take part in creative fun and games at exclusive LEGO brick workshops at weekends and during half term, get creative at our LEGO brick play table and build mini-figures. All proceeds will support WWT’s essential conservation work in the UK and around the world.

There is no extra cost to meet the giant LEGO brick animals at WWT Martin Mere, the trail is included in the admission price. Places for the workshops can be pre-booked online. To find out more search Martin Mere online.

Martin Mere is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 6pm during summer months (and until 4.30pm during the winter) and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere to find out what’s on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

Visit the web site www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere to find out what’s on the reserve at the moment as well as all the upcoming events

Basketball club lays on fun skills event for charity group members

MEMBERS of Sporting Challenge, the family-led charity providing sporting activities for people with learning disabilities, have been 'shooting some hoops' with West Lancs Basketball Club.

Activities organiser for the Burscough-based charity, Edward McCarthy, said: "Great fun was had by all and a few new skills were also picked up. On behalf of Sporting Challenge I wish to thank the West Lancs Basketball Club for this opportunity, our group really enjoyed it.

Sporting Challenge has also been awarded £400 from the Shepherd Street Trust to fund activities for people with disabilities. This will help to cover swimming and bowling session costs for members aged under 20.

The trust is a Preston-based charity that cares for the needs and aspirations of children and young people.

Edward McCarthy commented: "We thank the trust for their most generous finding award. The majority of new members are aged 16 to 22 so this is a key area we need to support."

West Lancashire Basketball Club hosted a fun session for members of Sporting Challenge.

Ahoy there! Free 'taster' sessions for would-be sailors

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

FREE taster sessions are being held at the Marine Lake in Southport for would-be watersports enthusiasts to try out new hobbies as part of the Royal Yacht Association's annual Push the Boat Out initiative.

This runs for the whole of May with free sailing and windsurfing taster sessions at sailing clubs who are set to welcome families and individuals young or old who want to get active and out on the water.

Free taster sailing session for newcomers will be held on Southport's Marine Lake on Saturdays, May 12 and 19

Active

Research for the RYA, the national body for all forms of boating, shows that a quarter of people have never tried an outdoor pursuit, yet two in four want to be more active and nearly a third want to get more fresh air.

West Lancashire Yacht Club is running free 'tasters' in dinghies at the Marine Lake from 11am to 4pm on Saturday, May 12.

And Southport Sailing Club will run taster sessions from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, May 19.

Experienced sailors will accompany visitors taking part.

Adam McGovern from the RYA said: "Many people still don't realise how easy it can be to get into sailing and windsurfing, and that you don't even need to own a boat or board as clubs and centres have ones you can borrow or hire.

"Once you've learned the ropes, you can sail on your own or with your partner, friends or kids in dinghies or big boats, inland or on the coast."

Anyone wishing to take part is advised to wear clothes and footwear that won't spoil if they get wet and take along a towel and a change of clothes.

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Rehearsals for Blackadder

New adaptation of Wind in Willows coming to Atkinson

A NEW adaptation of The Wind in the Willows comes to The Atkinson on Tuesday, May 29.

Meet all your favourite characters including loyal Mole, faithful Ratty and wise old Badger as they do their best to keep the mischievous Mr Toad out of trouble. Will they be able to stop the Wicked Weasel from taking over Toad Hall?!

Created by Scott Ritchie Productions and KD Theatre Productions for an Easter tour it will be a playful take on the classic Kenneth Graham tale, featuring a professional cast of energetic performers, catchy new songs and an anarchic sense of humour that aims to entertain and delight the whole family.

Scott Ritchie Productions & KD Theatre Productions have a proven track record for producing similar style, audience pleasing theatrical presentations of a high standard.

Scott Ritchie said: "We are delighted to be presenting this exciting production at the beautiful The Atkinson. We are keen to bring our show to the wonderful people of Southport."

Daniel Belland Katherine Hickmott (KD Theatre Productions) said: "The Wind in the Willows has an everlasting appeal and is highly visual. We pride ourselves on creating work that is of the highest quality."

Mr Toad will be played by Paul Cleveland who has been in musicals such as Cats and recently appeared as Paul in Absent Friends at the Pomegranate Theatre, Chesterfield.

Rosie Coles, whose credits include Juliet in Romeo and Juliet and Cheryl Hayes in Doctors for the BBC joins the cast as the playful Mole. Ratty will be played by Ross Townsend Green who has appeared in plays such as The Importance Of Being Earnest.

Completing the gang of four friends is Oliver Scott, who plays the warm-hearted, steady Badger.

A scene from Wind in the Willows

New comer, Oliver Tattersfield completes the cast in the crucial opposing role of chief weasel.

The Wind in the Willows is at The Atkinson on Tuesday, May 29 at 3pm and 6pm.

The cast will be doing photos after the show – so people are invited to have their picture taken with Toad, Ratty, Mole and Badger.

SDC show marks WWI anniversary

TO commemorate the 100th anniversary of The First World War, Southport Dramatic Club are delighted to have been given special permission by the BBC to present, live on stage, no less than three episodes of Richard Curtis and Ben Elton's iconic comedy, Blackadder, arguably one of the most intelligent as well as among the funniest of British sitcoms.

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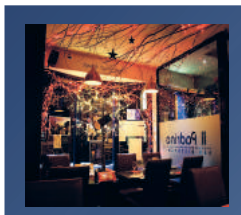

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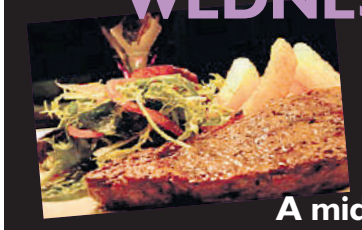
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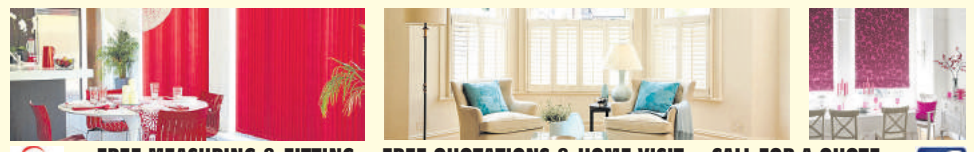

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COFFEE TABLE large coffee table with decorative stone top 48inch x 30inch in excellent condition. £30 07771 787540

COFFEE TABLE coffee table with decorative stone top 24 inch x 24 inch excellent condition £20 07771 787540

SOLID OAK Lamp table modern chunky box sculpted design with shelf as new h64 x w52 x d38cm £70 07729991241

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WICKER CHAIR peacock back, can deliver, lightweight £20. Sink & taps £20. Vanity unit, pale pink £20, can deliver locally. 01704 884564

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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2018/0304/FUL Erection of semi-detached dwelling - plot 2 Amendment to the design approved planning permission 2016/0480/FUL at 62A New Street, Halsall.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0305/FUL Erection of semi-detached dwelling - plot 1 Amendment to the design approved planning permission 2016/0480/FUL at 62A New Street, Halsall.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0362/FUL Change of roof on an extension to the rear of property from a flat roof construction, to a tiled angled roof construction. Window opening formed on the side of property. (retrospective) at 2 Mill House View, Up Holland.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0380/FUL Erection of single storey extension to side/rear at 3 Brook Lane, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0388/FUL Demolition of rear outrigger building of existing 2 storey bungalow and erection of two storey rear extension. Removal of side bay window and replacement with a porch canopy. Widening of front stone wall to provide safer access at Glendalough, Hall Lane, Lathom.
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2018/0394/FUL Demolition of disused public house and erection of 6 semi-detached houses and 4 apartments at Halton Castle Inn, Crosshall Brow, Westhead.
2018/0395/FUL Variation of Condition No's. 9 and 25 of planning permission 2014/1189/FUL relating to a phased contaminated land investigation and coal mining investigation works at Land To The South Of, Ingram, Birch Green, Skelmersdale.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 25th April 2018
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT994

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KELLY KATHLEEN

Mike Kelly and family would like to thank their friends for all the letters, mass cards and messages of sympathy that they have received following the sad loss of Kathleen (Kath) a dear Wife, Mother and Grandmother. Donations received will be forwarded to Myeloma UK. In her final illness Kath was cared for by doctors and nurses at Aintree University Hospital. They fully deserve our thanks for the excellent care that they provided. Thank you also to Fr Godric and Fr Boniface for their support and for such a wonderful funeral service at St Anne's Church, Ormskirk that was so well attended by the many friends whose company Kath enjoyed during her life. Finally thank you to Sally at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for taking care of all the funeral arrangements for us.

DEATHS

MOORE DOREEN
April 14th 2018
Peacefully in hospital aged 90 years
Loving Wife of the late Eric. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Funeral service and cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Tuesday May 1st 2018 at 12:40pm. All further enquiries c/o Graham J Clegg Independent Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, Merseyside L31 5JB Tel: 0151 520 3330 or at www.cleggfunerals.co.uk

MAHOOD JOYCE MYRA
20th April 2018
aged 88 years.
Peacefully with her loving family by her side.
Beloved Wife of the late Oliver and dearly loved Mum of Olive, John, Keith, Tom and Barbara. Granny to Elizabeth, Caroline, Oliver and John. Joyce will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service and burial at Ormskirk Oarish Church at 11am on Friday 4th May. By request, family flowers only, but donations greatly received to Cancer Research. All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997

FAIRCLOUGH CLARENCE 'ARTHUR'
After a long illness peacefully, aged 86 years
Much loved Husband of Joan. Much loved Dad to five children. Loving and caring Grandad of six Grandchildren and six Great Grandchildren. Arthur will be sadly missed by all his family. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 30th April 2018 at 12.40pm. Family are gratefully receiving donations for Stroke Association. Further enquires please to Moisters Funeral Directors. 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430.

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DEATHS

STANLEY JOYCE FRANCES
Peacefully in hospital on 16th April 2018 aged 78 years
Much loved Wife of the late John. Dear Mum of Debbie and Carl. Mother in law of Phil and Trish. Loving Grandmother of Adam and Craig. Joyce will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and all who knew her. Funeral Service will take place at Burscough Methodist on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 10am followed by interment at St John the Baptist Churchyard, Burscough. Family flowers only by request please but the family are receiving donations for their chosen charity. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

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MCCALL BETSY
After a short illness peacefully in hospital on 17th April 2018, aged 93 years
Much loved Mother of Pamela. Dear Mother in law of Peter. Dear Grandma of Colette and Sarah. Betsy will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 3rd May 2018 at 4pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The British Lung Foundation. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

DEATHS

SAMMON DR. PAUL MATTHEW
11th April 2018
Peacefully after a long illness aged 91 years
Loving Brother of David, family and friends. Funeral service took place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 24th April at 3.15pm. There were family flowers only by request and a special thanks to Joan and her team at The Silver Birch Nursing Home for their care and kindness over many years. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane, Skelmersdale. Tel: 01695 559868

MOORE ROBERT 'BOB'
On 15th April 2018
Peacefully at Home
Aged 94 years
Beloved Husband of the late Olwen, loving Dad of Alan and Sheila, and a much loved 'Gaga' of Ian (deceased), Michael and Charlotte. Bobs Funeral service will take place at Marshside Road Methodist Church on Monday 30th April at 1:45pm, followed by the committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only by request donations if so desired for Diabetes UK Ian Moore tribute fund Ref. 835217. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport PR9 9TG Tel: 01704 214118.

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DEATHS

PILSBURY MAUREEN LEONORA
12th April 2018
Aged 87 Years
Dearly loved Wife of the late Al, much loved Mum to Debbie, cherished Grandma to Nathan. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service to take place on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at West Lancashire Crematorium at 2pm. Donations if desired to R.N.I.B. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk, L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997

BRISTOW GEORGE EDWARD (Judd)
Suddenly passed away on 9th April 2018 aged 71 years
Beloved Husband of Marion. A much loved Dad to Annette, David and Helen. Devoted Grandad and Great Grandad. The Funeral service to take place Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at St. Annes Church, Beech Hill in Wigan 2.00pm. Then onto Gidlow Cemetery Wigan at 3.00pm, family flowers only. Donations welcomed for the Air Ambulance Service. All enquiries to J. McGuire Funeral Service Linley House, 177 Gidlow Lane, Wigan WN6 7BP. Tel: 01942 825554

O'HARA FRANCES WINIFREDE (FRAN)
R-I-P
15th April 2018
Aged 72 years
Devoted Wife of the late John, much loved Mum of Kathryn and Martyn. Beloved Grandma of Thomas, Charlie and Jake. Requiem Mass at St Marie's R.C Church on Friday 27th April at 12:00 noon followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

OWEN TREVOR
30th March 2018
In his 89th year
peacefully at Byron Court Care Home, Bootle
Trevor will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral will take place at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 4th May at 1:20pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to R.N.I.B. C/o H.Leslie Humphreys Funeral Directors, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool L23 5SE. Tel: 0151 924 4805

BUTLER YVONNE
20th April 2018
Peacefully at Warren Park Nursing Home
Reunited with her devoted Husband Ted. Beloved younger Sister of Babs. Adoring Aunt of Chris, Sue (deceased), Graham, Vanessa, Hazel and Anita and their extended families. The family would like to thank Warren Park for the care, kindness and compassion shown to Yvonne. She will be sadly missed by everyone whose lives she touched. Service and celebration to be held at Thornton Crematorium on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 10am. No flowers please but donations is desired to the RNLI or Guide Dogs for the Blind c/o H.L.Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 924 4805.

RATHBONE SHEILA MARY
15th April 2018
aged 86 years
Passed away suddenly.
Reunited with her loving Husband Alan. A loving Mum and Grandmother, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations will be received for Breast Cancer Care. All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997 where Sheila will be resting.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990, SECTION 257

WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ECUMENICAL CENTRE, SKELMERSDALE PUBLIC PATH STOPPING UP ORDER 2018

No. 1/2018

The above Order was made on 25th April 2018. The effect of the Order will be to stop up a 2.8 metre width of the footway from the Ecumenical Centre entrance and continuing in a westerly direction, commencing at Ordnance Survey grid reference SD3488-406425 at point A and proceeding in a southerly direction for approximately 10 metres to Ordnance Survey grid reference SD3488-406415 at point B (shown hatched black on the Order plan).

A copy of the order and the Order plan may be seen free of charge at West Lancashire Borough Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF between the hours of 9am-5pm and at the CSP, Unit 142, Concourse, Skelmersdale WN8 6LN. Copies of the Order and plan may be bought there at the price of 50 per sheet.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent or delivered in writing addressed to the Director of Development and Regeneration at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF not later than 31st May 2018.

Please state the grounds on which it is made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, West Lancashire Borough Council may itself confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for confirmation, any representations or objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

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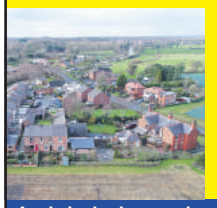
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IF FORD'S new Focus drives anything like as well as it looks it should be one of this year's big hits – but you can save yourself roughly £17,000 if you want to drive a genuine game-changer.

Wander into a showroom with a blue big oval atop and you'll be able to order the new kid on the block as either a five-door hatch or as an estate perfect for trips to the tip. It's not only easier on the eye than the old Focus but cheaper too - £2,300 less to be exact, if you go for the entry model – and if you're feeling flush there's a plush Vignale model, with leather seats, a fancy radiator grille and electric everything.

But if you want something truly radical you'll have to walk past the brand-new offering and go back in time.

In fact, you'll have to conveniently forget that there's still one on every other corner and that you can pick them up for about 25p these days, because the original Ford Focus was a class act.

In a way it's a shame it sold so well because time and familiarity have dulled its impact.

Just think about what else you could've bought back in 1998.

There was an Astra that handled neatly but looked about as interesting as a tax return, a solidly built but utterly boring Golf, fantastic yet flaky Fiat Bravo and a Peugeot 306 that handled beautifully but had a so-so reputation for reliability.

Worst of the lot was Ford's own Escort, which had been quietly getting better with every facelift but ultimately traced its lineage back to an iffy, me-too effort launched eight years earlier.

So when the first Focus rocked up with its all-round independent suspension, its Punto-esque rear headlights and slightly mad angular headlights it's hardly a surprise everyone sat up and took notice.

It had lots of clever little touches – the boot badge that flips sideways to reveal the key slot, for instance – but the big change was just how well it drove.

No wonder it went on to become the nation's best selling car - you still see them eveywhere!

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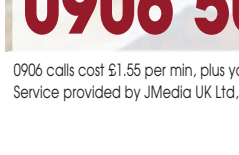

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Linnets sweep aside Irlam to reach cup final but face battle to avoid relegation

Burscough 3
Irlam 0

BURSCOUGH made easy work of Irlam to reach the final of the Macron Cup, writes Neil Leatherbarrow.

Burscough had drawn 0-0 in the first leg in Manchester and won the second leg 3-0, having been 2-0 up at the interval.

The final will be Burscough's first since they beat Southport in 2008 to lift the Liverpool County FA Senior Cup.

The Linnets had started the game on top and scored via Peter Henerty in the 14th minute. They followed that up in the 22nd minute with a vicious volley from centre-forward Chad Whyte, his 48th league and cup goal of the season.

It was all over in 64th minute when an inspired bit a skill from Terry Cummings provided the coup de gras, taking control around 20 yards from goal before blasting a shot right into the top corner to make it 3-0.

Later some bad tempered tackles from the Irlam players resulted in two being sent off.

Speaking after the match on the North-West Counties League website Dave Sutton said: "Against Irlam it was hard because we'd played Saturday, Monday, Thursday and again on Saturday and it's not easy especially when we knew away goals count double.

"I thought we should have been ahead after the first leg."

Burscough now have to convert some of that cup form into league points in the North-West Counties League Premier Division, where they currently sit third from bottom, with four teams to be relegated.

This Saturday they are at home to Abbey Hey.

Skem safe from drop despite losing to 'champions elect'

Skelmersdale United 0
South Shields 1

AFTER results elsewhere in midweek confirmed safety from relegation, Skem hosted champions elect South Shields with the visitors edging a 1-0 victory in front a record home crowd of 373, *writes Simon Driscoll.*

Liam Davies on the ball. Picture by John Driscoll

Shields were unlucky not to open the scoring on 16 minutes as a clever cross by Michael Richardson saw Pattison fire at goal with his effort superbly denied by Phil Mooney's goal-line clearance.

An inswinging corner from Pattison forced Callum Roberts into a strong parry before James Barrigan's long range free-kick was deflected wide.

The best chance of the half came on 39 minutes as a short Pattinson corner allowed Craig Baxter to cross into the path of Finnigan whose header saw a spectacular stop from Roberts.

Shields continued to threaten with Dillon Morse heading narrowly past the post from a corner before a cross from Richardson saw Pattison head wide.

A massive chance for the visitors on 53 minutes was wasted as a low cutback from Richardson saw Pattison blaze over from close range.

United responded with Burey lofting a cross to the far post but with Barrigan unlucky not to collect and minutes later a long cross from Liam Davies proved too high for Bakkor to reach.

The breakthrough came on 76 minutes as clever play from Baxter allowed Pattison to sweep over a cross which substitute Graeme Armstrong flicked past Roberts to open the scoring.

United should have levelled on 84 minutes as substitute Tunde Owolabi connected to Molyneux's corner but saw his header go over the bar.

Jack Lenehan completed a mazy run with a shot past the post while at the other end,

Shields should have doubled their lead as Pattison's angled shot crept past the far post before Aksel Juul forced a low save from Roberts.

The final whistle saw a roar of celebration from the visiting supporters as United ended the week with consecutive defeats.

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Ormskirk begin defence of title with huge 195 run home victory

Big scores from Bohannon and Lavelle set up imposing total before Maddock claims four wickets on debut

REIGNING Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division champions Ormskirk began their title defence with a huge 195 run home win over Colwyn Bay.

Ormskirk piled up 252-5 dec, thanks in the main to half centuries from Lancashire duo Josh Bohannon 85 and George Lavelle 83, whilst Ryan Holtby took 4-67 with the ball.

In reply, 4-19 from debutant Ryan Maddock helped dismiss the Welshmen for just 57 to seal victory.

Northern started their campaign off in style with a nine wicket home win over New Brighton.

After electing to bat the visitors were soon dismissed for just 32, with Tom Jones 3-2 and Tom Sephton 3-8 taking the bulk of the wickets

In reply, Tom Billington 15* and Chris Laker 12* helped the hosts to 33-1 and a comfortable victory.

Bootle also got off to a winning start with an 80 run win at Rainford.

Runs from Neil Williams 67, Danny Davies 46 and Vishal Tripathi 34 enabled the Bootle to declare on 190-8, with John Dotters taking 4-50.

In reply, David Snellgrove 32 top scored for the hosts who were bowled out for 110, thanks in no small part to a fine 5-35 from debutant Bharat Tripathi.

Formby suffered a 9 run defeat at Leigh, where the hosts were asked to bat and bowled out for 119 with debutant Sabbir Patel taking 6-35, whilst Toby Bulcock top scored with 21.

In reply the efforts of Ollie Sutton 30, Stephen Parry 22 and Patel 19* went unrewarded as Formby were dismissed for 110, with Adam Shallcross 3-12 and Bulcock 3-45 doing the damage with the ball.

Next Saturday Ormskirk visit Formby while Bootle host Leigh, and Northern are at home to Highfield.

Burscough forced to wait for league action as Maghull open with a tie

BURSCOUGH'S scheduled home First Division match on Saturday with Birkenhead Park was postponed due to an unfit ground and, at the league's discretion, can now be played at a later date.

Elsewhere in the First Division, Fleetwood Hesketh suffered a 66 run home defeat by Sefton Park.

The visitors chose to bat with Greg Harvey 39 and Sean Vandome 30 top scoring in a total of 127, with Tommy Wareing 3-21, Paul Mullen 3-27 and debutant Gavin Dickenson 3-32 taking the bulk of the wickets.

In reply, new skipper Scott Rimmer 25 was the only batsman to hit double figures as his side were bowled out for 62, with Callum Storey taking 4-27.

Ainsdale also suffered a home defeat as they lost to Liverpool by five wickets, debutant Brandon Faber top scored with 44, Connor Windell hit an unbeaten 37* and Mark Lucas 19 as the hosts were dismissed for 130, with Jared Clein 3-30 and Peter Kelly 3-38 taking the bulk of the wickets.

In reply, opener Sam Holliday cracked 97 as the visitors sealed victory on 132-5.

In the Second Division, Maghull were involved in a thrilling tie at home against Sutton, the hosts were asked to bat and thanks to an unbeaten 47* from number nine Anthony Molloy managed to post 136, with Jamie Greener taking 4-36.

In reply, the visitors were rocking on 52-9 until a remarkable last wicket stand of 84 between Gary Greener 90* and Craig Campbell 5* levelled the scores, with the game well and truly in the balance and loads of time left up stepped James Stanley to clean bowl Greener and tie the contest, with Molloy 7-47 and Stanley 3-39 taking all ten wickets to fall.

Burscough are set to host Wigan on Saturday while Mahhull are away to Old Xaverians.

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